

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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FILE # 1301125404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Brooks End Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3056 Harmony Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lloyd N. Weaver

Telephone #: 734-6547

STREET & NUMBER

3056 Harmony Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 208

Folio #: 56

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This L-shaped stone dwelling is located on Harmony Church Road just east of the Deer Creek. The house is two stories high and faces south.

Masonry in this house is very evenly laid, well cut stone. There are large, plain quoins and stone lintels.

The slate roof is gable flank. A corbeled chimney is located at each end, flush with the walls.

The main part of this house is five bays by two with the principal entrance being in the center bay. This doorway has a four light transom. The door itself is of wood, with eight moulded panels. There is a large iron box lock. A pedimented entrance porch with Roman doric columns shields the doorway. Windows are six lights over six. The windows on the upper story have louvered shutters.

This unit is built onto a high lighted basement. We were unable to view the cellar, however.

A stone addition on the northeast is also two stories high. This houses the dwelling's kitchen. The roof is perpendicular to the main unit. A corbeled brick chimney is located at the north end flush with the wall. There is no cellar under this section. A one story shed is attached to this unit. It abuts the main unit's center bay "back" door.

A white washed stone barn is located northeast of the main house. The lower level faces south. Two large wooden doors are on the northern facade.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farm is located on the tract, Hall's Rich Neck, which was patented in 1699 by John Hall. The stone house on this land is believed to have been built in 1844 by Elisha Cook. Cook apparently did quite well in this area and the small town that grew up along Deer Creek was known as Cooksville.

C. Milton Wright states in Our Harford Heritage that a tanbark mill and tannery was located at Cookville, near the site of an old woolen mill. Wright mentions that it was run by George P. Cook for several years after 1842, in connection with his country store. George, no doubt, worked with his father, Elisha, who died in 1853.

The old woolen mill mentioned above was also a Cook family enterprise. Samuel Mason relates that the property in Cooksville near Glenville "was bought by Elisha Cook in 1816, who immediately began building a dam and race which was to furnish power for the spinning and weaving mill. Here was spun and woven cloth produced from fleeces brought by farmers from the nearby farms. The mill continued in operation until about 1850, when not being able to compete with modern spinning mills, it was forced to shut down."

The house, itself, is a fine example of well cut stone. The house has been changed very little through the years. Mr. Weaver, the owner, is himself a stone mason of considerable note. He has constructed many handsome stone structures in Harford County. He is also known regionally for his paintings, many of which depict Harford County homes and outbuildings. An oil painting which hangs over his studio fireplace shows the artist's conception of how his spot along the Deer Creek looked when Cooksville was alive.

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Weaver's Barn, surveyed by Jean Ewing in 1971, burned a few years ago. The Stone barn is in ruins. Mr. Weaver told me that it had a datestone of 1825 but this has been removed from what little remains of the structure.

Another barn, dating from the mid 1800's remains. This is located northeast of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1798 Federal Tax List

1874 Maryland Tax List

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967.

Harford Directory, 1953

Land Records of Harford County

Mason, Samuel, Jr.; Historical Sketches of Harford County, page 100.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 95 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Brooks End Farm is bounded by Deer Creek on the North; The U.S. Tank Proving Center on the East; the property is dissected by Harmony Church Road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney

Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE
838-6000, ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

MD

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Title Search

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3056 Harmony Church Road

	208	56	3/15/1928	Grantor: W. Worthington Hopkins, bachelor Grantee: N. Lloyd Weaver Acreage: "Hall's Rich Neck" 95 acres
DGW	206	453	1/3/1928	Grantor: J. Stephenson Hopkins, and Elizabeth F., wife Grantee: W. Worthington Hopkins
DGW	201	220	10/28/1926	Grantor: W. Worthington Hopkins, attorney Grantee: J. Stephenson Hopkins Acreage: "Hall's Rich Neck" 95 acres
JAR	166	421	2/5/1920	Grantor: Anna E. Ridout and husband Grantee: Benjamin A. Weaver and wife
ALJ	67	350	4/14/1890	Grantor: Franklin A. Ridout and wife Grantee: Anna E. Ridout Acreage: "Hall's Rich Neck"
WHD	17	250	5/8/1866	Grantor: J. Crawford Neilson and wife Grantee: Franklin A. Ridout Acreage: "Hall's Rich Neck"
WG	14	107	3/23/1863	Grantor: Samuel G. Cook and Oliver M. Warfield and wife Grantee: J. Crawford Neilson Acreage: "Hall's Rich Neck" 95 acres
CWB	7	579	10/15/1853	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Elisha Cook Grantee: I give and bequeath to my son George G. Cook his heirs and assigns being part of a tract called "Halls Rich Neck"
HDG	33	210	5/7/1847	Grantor: Samuel Bradford, trustee for William F. Miller Grantee: Elisha Cook Acreage: "Hall's Rich Neck"
HD	11	40	9/19/1828	Grantor: Joseph Husband Grantee: Samuel Bradford, trustee

HD	8	124	3/19/1825	Grantor: William F. Miller Grantee: Joseph Husband Acreage: Hall's Rich Neck"
HD	5	385	1/18/1822	Grantor: Elisha Cook Grantee: William F. Miller Acreage: "Hall's Rich Neck"

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	<u>Weaver house</u>
AND/OR HISTORIC:	<u>The George Cook place</u>

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>North side of Harmony Church Road about 0.6 mi</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Cookville. Near Glenville</u> <u>West of Hobbs Hill Road</u>			
STATE <u>Maryland</u>	COOE	COUNTY: <u>Harford</u>	COOE

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		No: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNERS NAME:	<u>Floyd N Weaver</u>
STREET AND NUMBER:	<u>Harmony Church Road</u>
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE: <u>Maryland</u>

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. <u>clerk of the Circuit Court</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Harford County Courthouse 40 S Main St</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Bel Air 21014</u>	STATE: <u>Maryland</u>
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY:	
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE: <u>Maryland</u>

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

There is an L-shaped farm house with stone masonry, very well cut, ~~this~~ ~~thirteen~~ feet deep by two, ~~thirteen~~ two stories, facing south with the ridge line running east-west. Two brick chimneys rise from the ends of the house; a third from the room behind the right side of the house is considerably larger and was used for cooking as well as heating.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐

16th Century ☐

18th Century ☒

20th Century ☐

15th Century ☐

17th Century ☐

19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐

Education ☐

Political ☐

Urban Planning ☐

Prehistoric ☐

Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐

Historic ☐

Industry ☐

lasaphy ☐

Agriculture ☐

Invention ☐

Science ☐

Art ☐

Landscape ☐

Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☐

Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐

Literature ☐

itarian ☒

Conservation ☐

Military ☐

Theater ☐

Music ☐

Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This old farm house is virtually unchanged except that fifty to eighty years ago the fireplaces were rebuilt to accommodate room heaters, kerosene.

The owner still farms - (pasturing beef cattle) ~~and~~ stone masonry, and dabbles in painting, his work having been shown at the Baltimore Museum of art on many occasions.

The setting of this simple house is strikingly beautiful, with a wide view west, north and east across Deer Creek.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Lloyd N Weaver, lifetime resident and present owner of several buildings in this area.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		<i>Jean S Ewing</i>	
ORGANIZATION	<i>Maryland Historic Trust</i>	DATE	<i>Jan '70</i>
STREET AND NUMBER:		<i>50 State Circle</i>	
CITY OR TOWN:	<i>Annapolis</i>	STATE	<i>Maryland</i>
		CODE	

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

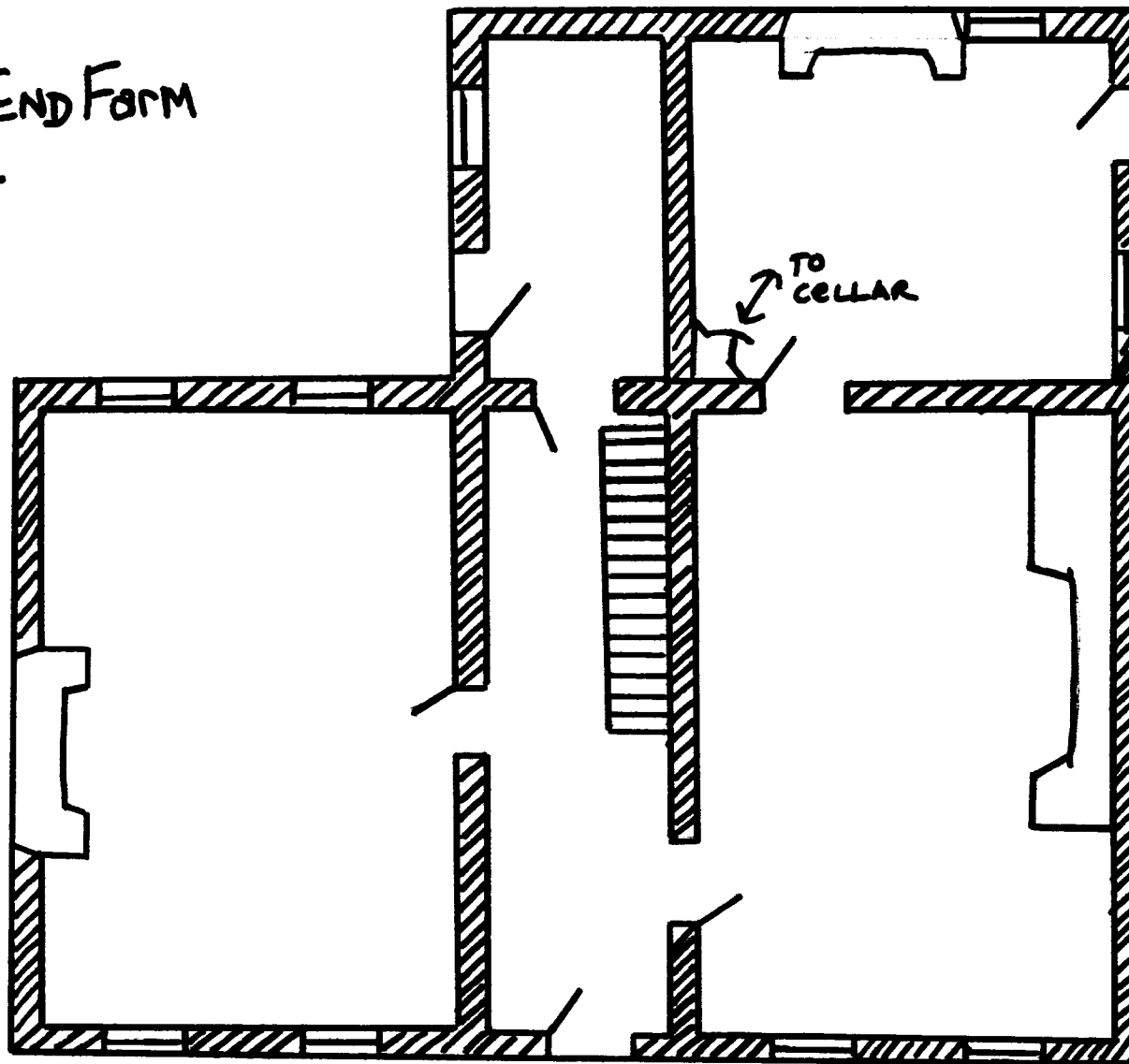
ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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North

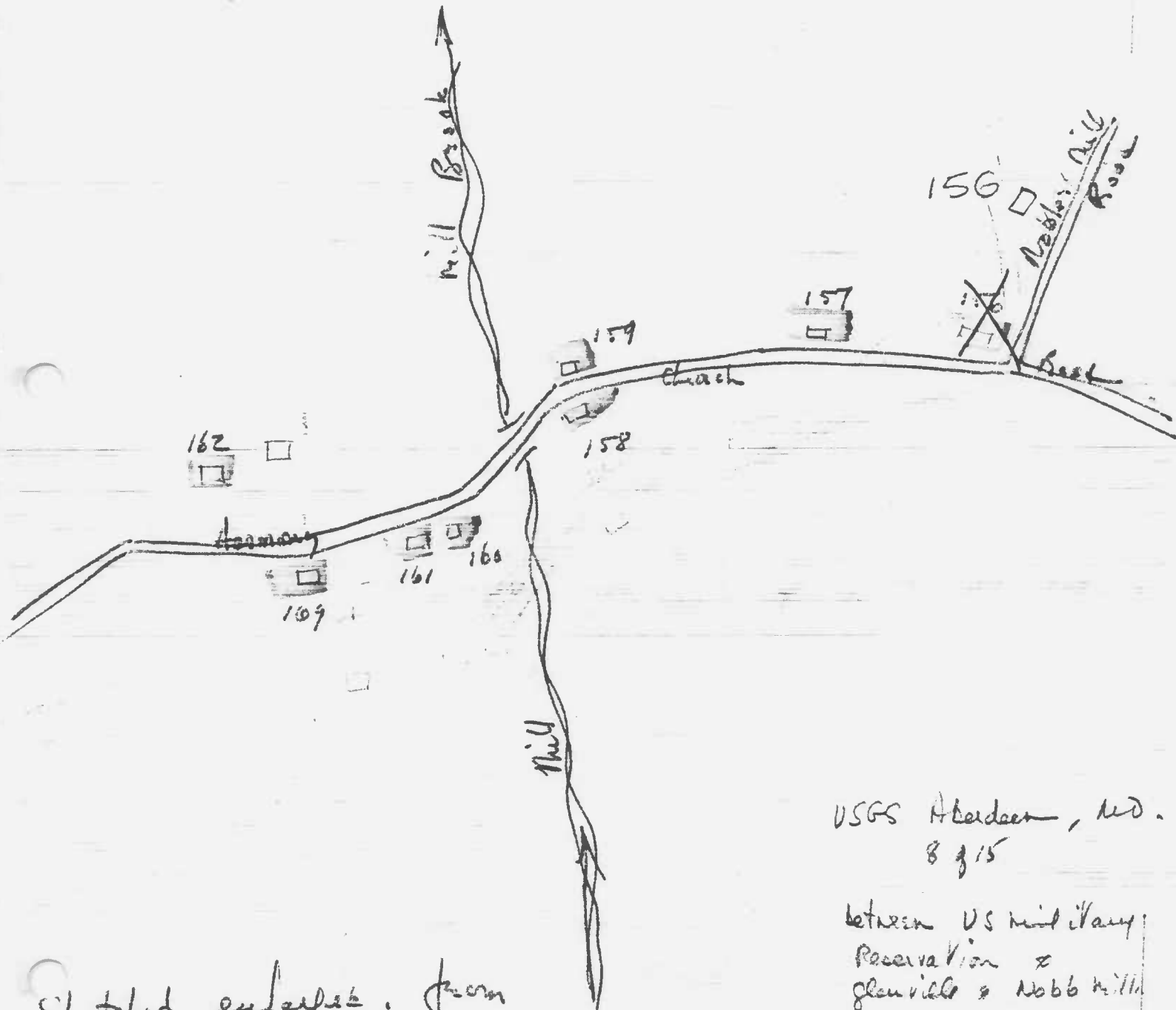
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Cookville

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USGS Aberdeen, MD.
8/15between US Military
Reservation &
Glenville & Nobb's Mill

Sketched, enlarged, from
U.S. Coast & Geodetic Maps.
J.S. Ewing.

Not to Scale

June 1971

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

5763 III NE
(DELTA)

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396 12'30"



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Quad.
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Brooks End Farm
Aberdeen Quad. 68953. BR-1985

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43' 42"

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4380

U.S. MILITARY
RESERVATION
ABERDEEN PROVING
GROUND

Schoolhouse Hill

Glenville

Green Springs Ch.

Hopewell Ch.

Harford County
Airport



Brooks End Farm HA-162
Harmony Church Road
Darlington, MD 21034
Susan M. Deeney
July 21, 1977
South